

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 26th April 1987

On Tuesday, Andy Davies was in court to answer charges arising from the raids on Radio Julie in August 1986 and February 1987. Sentence was deferred for four weeks pending a social report. In spite of this, Radio Julie were back on the air this weekend and announcing 24-hr operation. On Thursday, Keith of KDA Radio was in court to answer charges arising out of the DTI raid in December. He was charged with relaying Concept Radio on three separate occasions and of setting up the station. The court fined him £160 with £75 costs.

Radio Mersey Waves have celebrated the Bank Holiday by staying on the air all week, except for a few short breaks when the DTI monitors were reported to have been seen in area.

- RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW
This station has been on the air every day. They have also held quite a few phone-ins. They normally use a number on the 677 exchange, but on Tuesday they used a 678 number. Many callers failed to note the difference and the irate recipient of the station's calls reported the station to British Telecom. Thereafter, the station was expecting a visit from the DTI. They were off the air on Friday for adjustments and maintenance between 4pm-5:30pm. They are reported to have been off the air for a while on Saturday, but any break wasn't noted here. On Sunday, when checked at 11:25pm, only the carrier was found and it isn't known whether any further programming took place. Heard were:-
- Mon: 7am Dave Collins; 10:15am Jeff Starr; 1pm Dave Collins; 1:30pm Tony West; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm Dave Benitez; Steve Coltrane; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am DJ Sidney; 3am close-down
- Tues: 8am Dave Collins; 11am Mark Palmer; 1pm Paul Woods; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5:30pm Tony West; 6:15pm Desa; 7pm KtC; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Tony West; Midnight Mark Palmer 1am close-down
- Wed: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Peter Thomas; 1pm Dave Benitez; 3pm Charles Pope; 5pm Paul Woods; 7pm Mark Newman; 9pm Don La One; 11pm Tony West; 1am close-down
- Thur: 7am Dave Collins; 10:20am Jeff Starr; Noon Mark Palmer; 2pm Peter Thomas; 4pm Charles Pope; 6pm Tony West; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Sidney; 2am close-down
- Fri: 7am Dave Collins; 10am Tony West; Noon Mark Palmer; 2pm Paul James; 4pm off air; 5:30pm Peter Thomas; 6:30pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Tony West; 2am(?) close-down
- Sat: 8am Dave Collins; 10:15am Mark Wright; Noon Charles Pope; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Kay Morris; 5pm KtC; 8pm Tony West; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Roy & Billy; 3am Dave Collins(?); 5am(?) close-down
- Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Mark Newman; ?? carrier only.....

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 112, Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Merseyside L49 8HU.

Concept Radio reported that Radio Julie were due back on the air at noon on Friday but weren't noted until 1pm. They weren't noted here until 7:30pm. They are announcing 24-hr operation over the weekend, but some breaks in transmission have been noted. They were off the air at 11:30pm, but back on again by midnight and the DTI monitors were said by others to have been in the area. They went off the air suddenly at 6:17pm on Sunday.

When they returned at 7:15pm, Andy Davies said that they had moved location. In a phone-in to Concept Radio, Neil Bishop said that the DTI had been out, but some of the other Radio Julie DJs had already told Concept that the station was off the air with "technical problems". The announced schedule, which seems to have been adhered to, was:-

- Fri: Noon.....???.....8pm Andy Davies; 10pm Phil Smith; Midnight Paula "P"; 2am Scott Brennan; 4am not decide; 6am Andy Davies.
- Sat: 8am Paul Western; 10am Andy Rogers; Noon Larry James; 2pm Neil Bishop; 4pm Phil Smith; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Andy Sloane; 10pm Andy Davies; Midnight Paula "P"/Phil Smith; 3am Scott Brennan; 5am Mark Ross
- Sun: 8am Louise Thompson; 10am Bob-the Lone Ranger; Noon Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Peter Johnson; 6pm BJ the DJ; 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Carl "w"; Midnight Paula "P"; 2am Andy Davies; 4am close-down.

RADIO MERSEYLAND 1422kHz: 20, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

Reception in the Liscard area on Monday was extremely difficult due to abnormally severe splatter from BBC R Merseyside on 1485kHz. In complete contrast, the frequency was much clearer than normal on Sunday, when the station did an outside broadcast from Goodison Park, venue for the Sugar Bowl Challenge Trophy in which, 7-a-side teams from the TV

"Soap Operas" competed in a knock-out football competition (won by the now defunct ALBION MARKET team) with all proceeds going to the NSPCC. Mark Evans, the station's roving reporter, spoke to a great many people, who heard themselves on the radio. All those approached were asked if they had ever heard Radio Merseyland, if they had ever heard of the other Mark Evans/Jim Browne stations, and finally if they had ever heard of Radio Mersey Waves. In just over one hour, Mark managed to find just one person who had heard of Central Radio, and just one other who had heard of Radio Mersey Waves!! Heard this week have been:-

Mon: 9am Rock Steady Eddie; 11am Jim Browne; 1pm Mark Evans; 2pm Dave Starr; 4pm Mark Evans; 6:15pm close-down

Sun: 9am Mark Evans; 11am Jim Browne; 1pm Outside Broadcast - Mark Evans on site/Jim Browne in studio; 2pm Dave Starr; 3pm Rock-steady Eddie; 6pm close-down

This coming Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May, the station is hoping to do another outside broadcast from the Everyman Theatre, near the start of the HANDS ACROSS BRITAIN campaign against unemployment. The distance of the link back to the studio would suggest that this venture is a bit ambitious, but the station is confident that it can cope.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO 1404kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD.

The GPO strike which has held up all mail in the Liverpool 11 district is now over and it is "business as usual" for this station's mailing address. The signal from this station is still weak but on a reasonably clear frequency. Provided that speech modulation levels are suitable, then the station is perfectly readable. They do however suffer a slight "het" which is believed to come from an Irish station that is occasionally heard on 1413kHz. Noted this week have been:-

Mon: 11:36am Tx warm-up; 11:50am Phil Davies; 2pm Tony Price; 5pm Phil Davies; 5:24pm c/d

Sun: 9am(?) Phil Davies; Noon Tony Price; 2pm Paul Jones; 4pm Phil Davies; 6pm close/D.

Phil Davies says that he has re-activated Central Radio, which will be heard on 1404kHz each and every Friday. He also says that from next weekend, Chuck Brogan, an ex-LPR DJ, will be rejoining the station

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: no mailing address.

With the Radio Mersey Waves signal on this frequency dis-continued since Tuesday, Concept Radio were able to resume normal broadcasting on Sunday, with:-

Sun: 7pm Tom Webb; 9:30pm Jim Lowe; 12:07am Webb & Lowe; ?? close-down

In his Free Radio News section, Tom Webb featured short taped extracts of the other local stations heard over the past few days. He also expressed surprise that Concept had been credited with the "relay" of Mersey Waves in a well-known national Free Radio publication and mentioned the local court cases that had taken place this week.

SLAG-OFF INTERNATIONAL 105.2MHz: 132, Norwood Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 4EG

This station was noted from 8:27pm on Monday with Mike Hughes till 10:30pm, then Steve Mason to un-noted close-down. They were heard from 7:30pm on Friday with Mike Hughes till 8:30pm close-down. Concept Radio also reported hearing them for an hour or so on Sunday afternoon, but this latter transmission wasn't noted here.

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